(b) if so, what is the Commission's precise recommendation and what decision Government has taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No final report has so far been submitted by the Commission to the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of backward districts in Orissa

76. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up some special schemes for the development of some backward districts in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are those special schemes and the funds earmarked for implementing those schemes; and

(c) the details of the backward districts where these schemes are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) to (c) No specific scheme has been formulated by the Government for tackling the prolem of backwardness in selected areas/districts. However the Government is committed to eradication of rural poverty through self employment and wage earning programmes. Under the wage employment programmes the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) was a single wage employment programme in operation throughout the country at the beginning of the Eighth Five Year Plan. However in 1993-94 it was modified and a Second Stream of JRY (Intensified JRY) was introduced in 120 backward districts where there is a concentration of poverty and under employment. Out of the 30 districts in Orissa, 9 districts are covered under this intensified JRY; these are Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Cuttack, Sam-balpur, Sundergarh, Kalahandi, Keonj-bar, Ganjam and Phulbani. In addition in 1993-94 an Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) was launched in identified backward blocks situated in the drought prone areas, desert areas, tribal areas and hilly areas. Out of the 233 blocks in the EAS districts of Orissa 175 blocks are covered under the EAS. The funds allocated towards these poverty alleviation schemes during the last three years is given below;

(Rs. lakhs)

Programme	1993-94 Allocation	1994-95 Allocation	1995-96 Allocation (as on 13.11.1995)
JRY	199972.66	21984.43	25484.70
1st Stream	7143.75	7143.75	3982.98
2nd Stream	5335.00	9855.00*	6612.50*
EAS			

*Funds Released, as no statewise allocations are made under EAS.

Flood disaster in Mines

77. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General of Mines Safety (EGMS) had given instructions for the construction of sufficiently stable and high embankments to avert flood disasters in mines;

(b) if so, the actual instructions or recommendations of DGMS and what action has so far been taken in this regard;